

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ulf Dietrich et al.

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Examiner: Doris L. Lee

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND  
CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) AND (e)(1)**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB08A and/or SB08B are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), i.e., after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing of a final action or a notice of allowance.

Each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the attached references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement is the statement of Dr. Michael Schuderer describing the content of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

No copies of the listed U.S. patent references or the listed U.S. patent application publication references have been included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). All other references have been provided as required. Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:  
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**Information Disclosure Statement**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir or Madam:

I, Michael Schuderer, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Thurneysenstr. 22, 80687 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

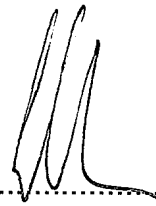
I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in a corresponding Japanese Office Action and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For JP 2002362952 A a PAJ-abstract is enclosed, which is already in English language.

Signed April 21, 2009.

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Dr. Michael Schuderer